

Meeting of THORNEY PARISH COUNCIL held in the Parish Room, Bedford Hall, Thorney on Monday 9th September 2024 at 7.00 p.m.

Chair: Councillor Mrs. M Long

Councillors: B. Parker, G Mills, S Williams, D Winch, Mrs K Howard, Mrs. D Halfhide, J Shearman,

Peterborough City Councillors S Allen, M. Ormston,

2 Members of the public.

Public discussion

Mr R Rayner Peterborough City Council Housing Officer - Grants for Warmer Homes

Thorney identified as an area for 'Hub' funding – for those earning under £31,000 and in need of energy efficiency measures. Applications by 31st October 2024. Leaflets to be placed in library, notice board and doctors' surgery.

2656/24-25 To receive and approve apologies for absence.

Resolved: None

2657/24-25 To receive Disclosable Interests Declarations

Resolved: To receive Disclosable Interests Declarations in any items on the agenda – If during discussion an interest becomes apparent it is declared at that time.

2658/24-25 To approve minutes of the meeting of 8 July 2024

Resolved: Minutes of the Council meeting held on 8 July 2024 and bank reconciliation for the month (circulated before the meeting) were confirmed and signed by Chairman.

2659/24-25 Matters arising from minutes.

Warm welcome- no contact was made to the village hall liaison, however the Chair liaised directly with the 'Bread and Butter thing' who altered the time of food distribution

Two pre-arranged meetings with Peterborough City Council Solicitor to discuss Bedford Hall lease did not take place. Members turned up for meetings but no representative from PCC. Still awaiting a meeting date. Members considered this disrespectful.

2660/24-25 Report from City Councillors.

City Cllr Ormston gave a report- Gas Lane pot- hole repaired.

Local Plan pushed back until February 2025.

Church Street parking issues and layby opposite car garage being dealt with

Fly tipping continues to be issue- looking to meet with PCC cabinet minister

Tennis court- on going vandalism to nets.

James Collingridge agreed the Parish Council should have a set of Pavilion Keys

City Cllr Allen- Thorney Park parking - PCC advised they cannot afford additional parking. Would revisit option if football club would contribute.

2661/24-25 Finance

The following were received in July/August/September

Foodbank £10.00

Smiths FD Inter Mr Fovargue £1400.00

Mrs O'Sullivan grave spaces £1045.00

Smiths FD Inter Mr Jacobs £2060.00

RGR Memorials	memorial	£137.50
Coop Spalding	Inter Mr Wootton	£700.00
HJM Memorials	memorial	£135.00
J G Cross	Memorial	£125.00

To approve the following paid in August/September

Salaries		£3534.00	LGA 1972 s112, 151 / LGA 1972 s142, LGA 1972 s214(6), s215(6) Parish Council and Burial Authorities (Misc. Provisions) Act 1970 s1 / Highways Act 1980 s43, 50
Office		£26.00	LGA 1972 sections 111, 142
email, ISP payment		£32.18	LGA 1972 sections 111, 142
Cambs County Council		£740.29	LGA 1972 s112, 151 / LGA 1972 s142, LGA 1972 s214(6), s215(6) Parish Council and Burial Authorities (Misc. Provisions) Act 1970 s1 / Highways Act 1980 s43, 50
Inland Revenue		£1270.00	LGA 1972 s112, 151 / LGA 1972 s142, LGA 1972 s214(6), s215(6) Parish Council and Burial Authorities (Misc. Provisions) Act 1970 s1 / Highways Act 1980 s43, 50
Veolia	Skip at cemetery	£70.54	LGA 1972 s142, LGA 1972 s214(6), s215(6) Parish Council and Burial Authorities (Misc. Provisions) Act 1970 s1.
HP	Printing costs	£11.99	LGA 1972 sections 111, 142
A J Stuffins	Topsoil for cemetery	£70.00	Parish Council and Burial Authorities (Misc. Provisions) Act 1970 s1 /
RTC Groundcare	Miscellaneous items	£85.79	Parish Council and Burial Authorities (Misc. Provisions) Act 1970 s1 /
Cemetery	Petrol for mowers August	£77.41	Burial Authorities (Misc. Provisions) Act 1970 s1 / Highways Act 1980 s43, 50
B Parker	Cemetery seats	16.50	Burial Authorities (Misc. Provisions) Act 1970 s1 / Highways Act 1980 s43, 50
G D Mills	Youth activities	£20.00	Covid fund
Construction		£1000.00	Cil and section 106
Estimating Ltd	Quantity survey pavilio		
James Blake	Biodiversity Survey Pa	£1242,00	Cil and section 106

1. To approve accounts for Payments and Monthly bank reconciliation – approved
2. Completion of External Audit – external audit received – no actions necessary
3. Windfarm Grant – agreement signed and returned.

2662/24-25 Reports

1. New Pavilion – struggling to obtain trustees. Continuing with planning application.
2. Burial – concerns of breaches of cemetery regulations concerning canopy on a seat. Plaque on donated benches do not include the extensive restoration work that had to be carried out to make them serviceable.
3. Bedford Hall – lease talks to be rescheduled
4. Allotments – yearly renewal invoices being sent out. Several allotments in poor state, enforcement letters will be sent
5. Forge Field - Application from resident to purchase a garden extension – Peterborough City Council has been approached by the owner of no. 3 Belgravia Court, the housing development at the end of Gas Lane as they would like to purchase some of the Gas Lane agricultural land currently leased to Thorney Parish Council that sits at the rear of their property. Cllr Williams has conducted a site visit. Cllr Shearman suggested the land should not be sold. Clerk advised we cannot sub- lease. Chairman will liaise with PCC Estates

2663/24-25 Planning

1. Approvals and Refusals

Land On the West Side of Northey Road, Peterborough - Decision 1. The appeal is dismissed. 24/00715/HHFUL for Proposed ground floor side extension and garage conversion to annex also render whole property with white silicone render at Ankerig Gas Lane Thorney Peterborough Decision: Permitted

24/00824/CTR for T.1 - Poplar (Sgl/379200) situated rear of play area in Thorney Park - removal to ground level for the purpose of health and safety at Thorney Park Wisbech Road Thorney Peterborough Decision: Permitted

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24/00608/HHFUL for Demolition and replacement of conservatory with single-storey rear extension and replacement of larger rear-facing dormer with additional floor space to first-floor elevation at 6 Topham Crescent Thorney Peterborough PE6 0SR Decision: Permitted

24/00627/HHFUL for Single storey side extension at The Bungalow Gas Lane Thorney Peterborough - permitted

24/00281/FUL for Installation of solar panels & necessary mounting gear to office roof at North Level Internal Drainage Board Station Road Thorney Peterborough Decision: Permitted

24/00636/NONMAT for Non-material amendment (Changes to dimensions of car port) to planning permission 24/00154/HHFUL at 7 Toneham Lane Thorney Peterborough PE6 0RE Decision: Determined

24/00823/HHFUL for Proposed 2no. single storey extensions at Harriman's Barn Old Knarr Fen Drove Thorney Peterborough Decision: Permitted

24/00221/FUL for Change of use from residential (C3) to Private educational facility (School F1.A) at Pond House the Park Wisbech Road Thorney Decision: Permitted

2. Planning Applications and other matters.

24/01009/WCPP For Variation of condition C1 (temporary consent) pursuant to planning permission 21/00326/FUL at Causeway Lodge, The Causeway Thorney – Overdevelopment- Contravene original planning permission of one caravan per property Properties not being built.

24/01163/TRE Proposal: T.1 - 1101 Elm - Fell, T.2 - 1102 Weeping Pear - Crown lift to 2.1m, T.3 - 9141 Lime - Crown lift to 2.1m (52/00002/TPO), T.4 - 9132 Yew - Prune, T.5 - 9130 Copper Beech - Remove dead wood Site address: Park House School Wisbech Road Thorney – no objection. However, can replacements be planted.

24/00990/CTR Thorney Abbey Church of St Mary and St Botolph the Green Thorney Proposal: T1 - American Plane (Tree 26)- Fell - no objections
T2- Sycamore (Tree 11)- Fell
T3- Sycamore (Tree 40)- Cut back to an appropriate level.
T4- Sycamore (Tree 38)- reduction in height by approximately 10m
T5- 2x Holly (Tree 49)- reduction in height by approximately 10m
T6- Holly (Tree 12)- crown raised to clear the headstones in close proximity.

24/00917/HHFUL: Two storey rear extension and internal alterations at 59 Wisbech Road Thorney Peterborough – no objections

24/01014/HHFUL For Two-storey rear extension at 3 Toneham Lane Thorney Peterborough PE6 0RE - – no objections

24/01015/HHFUL 4 Toneham Lane Thorney Peterborough - Two-storey rear extension – no objections

24/00828/HHFUL For Single storey rear extension to dwelling at 22 Russell Close Thorney Peterborough PE6 0SW- no objection

Local Plan consultation now pushed back to February 2025 because of new Government Planning consultation. Comments now required by end November.

2664/24-25 Roads and Footpaths

1. Speeding in village/ Speedwatch – speeding continues to be an issue. Speedwatch have completed 6 checks in the village
2. Sandpit Road/St Mary Close footpath barrier obstructs wheelchair users. Can these be adjusted? Park Close footpath has same issue. The barriers are set too close together to allow larger wheelchairs or pushchairs to pass through. Clerk to contact PCC
3. The Causeway – large dip in road near the roundabout.
4. Whittlesey Road footpath- between the Courtyard and the Abbey Place excessive number of potholes need addressing
5. Concerns over standard of work completed on behalf of ‘openreach’ for fibre upgrade
6. Tavistock Close footpath though park has a number of potholes
7. Bench of Wisbech Road needed cleaning again - could the Parish Council move the bench further East?
8. Location given for dog waste bin on Whittlesey Road.

2665/24-25 Village matters.

1. Warm Welcome – will continue through to the end of the year. Chair has a zoom meeting with member of the ‘Bread and Butter thing’ and agreed food parcel distribution would start at 1:30pm, a half hour earlier to help alleviate the parking issues.
2. Youth facilities - lack of committed volunteers to move project forward. Cllr Mills will attend Thorney festival to try and raise awareness. Have been able to secure an hour on a Thursday night at Bedford Hall for youth activities.
3. Picnic in the Park- to start planning earlier next year. Agenda item for January 2025.
4. Lanyard for Councillors- it was agreed to purchase these for all councillors. Chair to investigate.
5. Thorney Running Club- 40-year anniversary- consider donation if requested from Windfarm fund.
6. Radio does not work in MUGA at the Park- Clerk to report to PCC
7. Thorney Dyke- consider a sign to advise this is a memorial site and to take litter home.
8. Dog Poo- continues to be issue in the village. Dogs also in the play area, which is not allowed. Facebook post.
9. School bus stationary for long periods with engine running.
10. Thorney Festival- 60’s night on Friday 13th September, raffle tickets still on sale. Free tour of Thorney which start at 6pm at the Abbey.

2666/24-25 Review of Procedures

The documents were circulated prior to the meeting

1. Social media policy update - Agreed. Cllr Parker agreed to be another admin for the Facebook.
2. Risk Management personnel, finance, assets update - the opportunity to combine 5 different safety/risk management documents into this one all-encompassing standard. This will make future update much easier
3. Thorney Parish Council biodiversity policy - Under the 2021 Environment Act, public authorities (including town and parish councils) operating in England must consider what they can do to conserve and enhance biodiversity. Thorney Parish Council has done/do all the requirements of the Act. This procedure endorses that work and extends it to plant green areas where we can

2667/24-25 Facebook Posts

Information regarding the Defib at telephone box.

2668/24-25 Matters as agenda items for future consideration.

Local Plan consultation - Comments now required by end November.

Village Xmas Tree

Xmas Preparations

Consider noticeboard on green opposite the Public House or in the grounds of Public House.

2669/24-25 Parish Council business

Notification of portable toilet on The Green in September for Thorney Abbey concerts

2670/24-25 Date of next meeting - Parish Council Meeting 14th October 2024

Meeting Closed at 21:16pm.